

**Dr. David Glasser Memorial  
Tuberculosis Control Award  
Maryland Center for TB Control and  
Prevention  
2019**

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*Awarded for significant contributions to the  
prevention and control of TB in Maryland*

# Who Was David Glasser?

(1933-1989)



# Dr. David Glasser, MD, MPH

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## Problem-solver and visionary;

- Used money smuggled to him in hollowed out books while serving in U.S. Army Medical Corps to help restore a TB treatment hospital.
- Initiated local ordinances as Director, Bureau of Disease Control, Baltimore City, including pharmacy reporting of TB medications.
- Championed needle-exchange programs to stop the spread of HIV.
- Created a program of utilizing nurse case managers in City TB program to provide individualized and carefully monitored TB care.
- Partnered with universities and hospitals to promote public health research and better clinical practice.

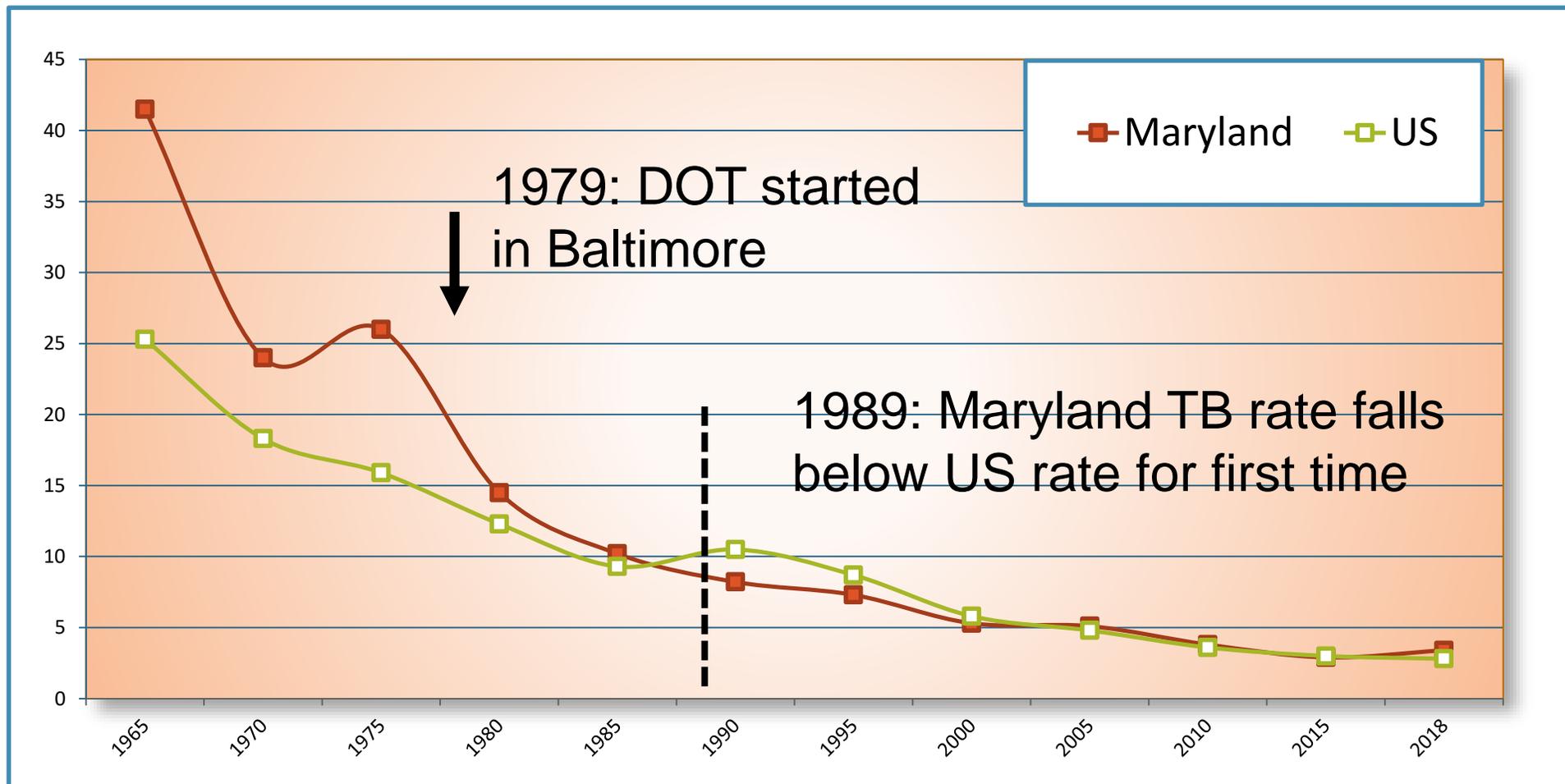
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- **1966:** Baltimore City TB case rate of **75/100,000** was the highest case rate of any large U.S. city. As a consequence, Maryland also ranked #1 for TB in the country.
- **1973:** Initiated 4-drug treatment.
- **1979:** Implemented DOT .
  
- **1981:** City TB case rate **35.6/100,000**
- **2005:** City TB case rate **10.6/100,000**
- **2018:** City TB case rate **2.3/100,000**



# Impact of DOT on TB Rates per 100,000 Population, Maryland and US, 1965 to 2018



# Who Was David Glasser?

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Not a world famous man, but a man who dreamed big, worked hard to achieve, was not afraid to do things that many considered “undoable” and a true public health advocate who laid the ground work for fundamental change in TB case management, prevention and control in all of Maryland.

# Where Did the Design of the Award Come From?

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# International Congress on Tuberculosis

## September 21, 1908

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- Held in Washington, D.C. at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.
- Largest worldwide exposition on TB at a time when the impact of TB worldwide was measured in terms of *mortality*.
- First time the meeting was held in US; attendance from all 47 states and many foreign countries.

# International Congress on Tuberculosis; 1908

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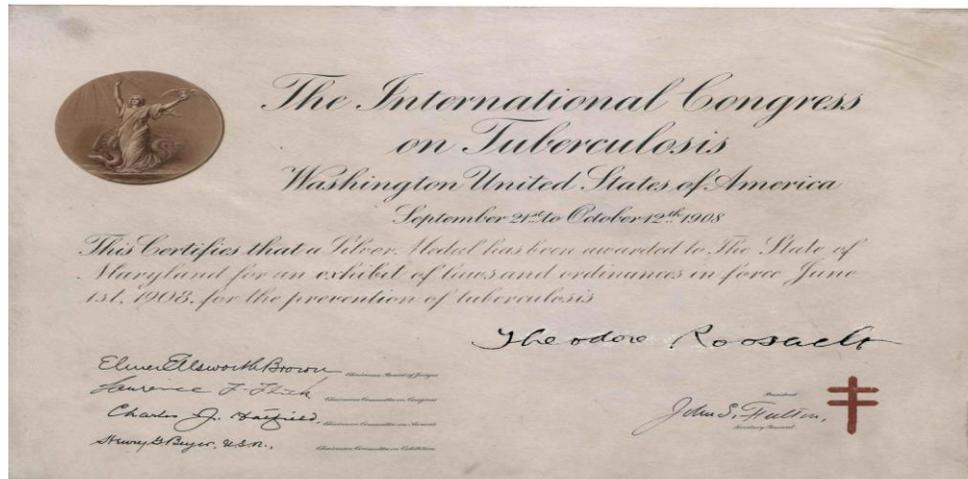


Maryland State Exhibit at the International Congress on Tuberculosis, Washington, D.C. -- September, 1908

# 1908 International Congress on Tuberculosis Maryland Awards

**Silver Medal to the state of Maryland** for its exhibit of laws and ordinances in force to prevent TB; the awarding document signed by President Theodore Roosevelt.

**Gold Medal to State Board of Health** for the best example of an individualized package of preventive supplies for a tuberculosis patient.



# State Board of Health 1908 Gold Medal



*Female with arms uplifted to the light (and UV rays) of the sun*

*Winged hour glass; enduring symbol of time which many TB patients worldwide still do not have*

*Dragon: throughout time in both East and West associated with wisdom and magic; maybe both still needed in our efforts to END TB*

# Recipients of the Dr. David Glasser Memorial Tuberculosis Control Award

1996	Thomas Walsh, MD	2003	Maureen Donovan, MA, RN	2017	Patricia Cahaney, BSN, RN
1996	Kristina Moore-Rice, BSN	2004	Judith Thomas, BSN, RN	2018	Sherry Roberts, RN
1997	Mary Ann Justice, RN	2006	Danielle Weber, BSN, RN	2018	Maunank Shah, MD, MPH
1997	George Wills Comstock, MD, DrPH	2007	William Randall, MD	2019	????????????????
1997	Sarah Bur, MPH, RN	2008	Richard Chaisson, MD		
1998	Elizabeth “Betty” Miner, RN	2009	Mark Jameson, MD		
1998	Prince George’s TB Program	2010	Cathy Goldsborough, RN		
1998	William Coggin, TB Coordinator	2010	Teresa Dellamura, RN		
1999	Nancy Hooper, MDH TB Lab	2012	Karla Alwood, CRNP, MSN		
1999	Gillian VanBlerk, MD, MPH	2013	Lien Nguyen, CTBCP		
2000	Joan Armstrong, RNC	2013	Richard Oatis, BS MDH TB Lab		
2001	Janet Hinz, RN	2014	Linda Ellison, BCHD outreach		
2002	Danny Lee Drew, BSN, RN	2015	Brenda Roup, PhD, RN, CIC		
2003	Timothy Sterling, MD, FACP	2016	Bernard Farrell, MD		

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